Pay of Vernacular School Teachers.

115. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to improve the condition of Vernacular School teachers by increasing their pay as early as possible?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 112.

Vernacular School Teachers.

116. **MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the remuneration paid to the teachers of Vernacular Schools, and especially of the Vernacular Elementary Schools, is too low; and

(*b*) whether they propose to do anything to mitigate the hardships of these teachers by making any substantial increase in their pay?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 112.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Am I to understand from this answer that the Government are convinced of the necessity of increasing the pay of these Vernacular teachers?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member's attention is drawn to the answer to question No. 112, wherein Government say: "Government are reluctantly compelled to defer consideration of the question for the present".

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): From the words 'reluctantly compelled', am I to understand that the Government are actually convinced of the necessity of increasing their pay?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government feel that it will be better if these teachers get better pay.

Improvement of the Prospects of Teachers of Lower Grade Elementary Schools.

117. **MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they are going to take for ameliorating the condition of teachers in the grant-in-aid Lower Grade Elementary Schools?

(2) Are the Government aware that the above-said teachers are now receiving only Rs. 7½ per mensem which, under the present high level of prices, is too scanty a subsistence allowance?

(3) In view of the fact that the grant-in-aid Lower Grade Elementary Schools have no other source of income than the grants given from the Government, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons why this distinction is maintained between teachers in the grant-in-aid and Government schools in the matter of pay and pension?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) and (3). The fundamental principle in regard to the award of grant-in-aid for education is that no aided school should be conducted solely on the

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